

NEWS RELEASE

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Incident: Carjacking, Assault with Firearm, Attempted Carjacking, Conspiracy, Resisting a Peace Officer

Location: Olive and Harrison, 126 Freeway East of Wells

Date/Time Occurred: 2/21/22 at 21:29

Officer(s) Involved: Ventura PD Patrol, Ventura PD K9, Ventura PD Major Crimes, CHP, VCSO

Suspects: Three male juveniles, Ventura residents

Report #: 22-11761

Narrative:

On the above date and time, VPD patrol responded to a stolen vehicle investigation. In speaking with the victim, the investigating officer learned the victim had been carjacked at gunpoint by three suspects. Ventura Police Communications notified surrounding agencies of the circumstances.

Shortly after being notified, CHP officers located the stolen vehicle on the 126 Freeway east of Wells Road, but the suspects had exited and were walking on the freeway. Subsequent investigation showed that after leaving the first stolen vehicle behind, the suspects tried unsuccessfully to carjack another passing motorist on the 126 Freeway.

CHP officers and a VPD K9 located the suspects and detained them. Additional officers arrived and the subjects were taken into custody.

No officers and neither of the victims were injured during the crimes. One suspect was treated for injuries sustained during the arrest. All three suspects were ultimately booked in juvenile hall for their involvement in the following crimes: 215 PC Carjacking, 664/215 PC Attempted Carjacking, 245(b) PC Assault with a Firearm, 182 (a)(1) PC Conspiracy, 148 (a)(1) PC Resisting a Peace Officer.

The 126 Freeway was shut down between Wells Road and Briggs Road while the crimes were being investigated.

This investigation is ongoing. Anyone with any information is requested to contact the VPD Watch Commander at 805-339-4416.

The complete press release, including suspect description, can be viewed online at www.venturapd.org

If you have any information about this crime, you can make an anonymous call to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

If your information leads to an arrest, you could receive a cash reward of up to \$1,000.